

IN THE DRAWING

A Replacement Sheet is attached to label Fig. 1 Prior Art, as requested in the Action.



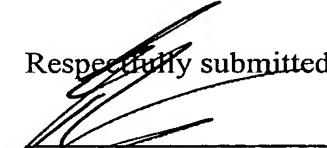
REMARKS

The allowance or allowability of all the claims is acknowledged appreciatively and accepted above along with labelling Fig. 1, as requested.

In particular, claims 7 and 14 are amended to independence by incorporating all of original parent claim 1 except the poppet valve and its relation in describing a flow path. Inasmuch as such amendment of these claims only incorporates original claim limitations, Festo-like considerations should not arise, despite some contrary thinking. Other claim changes are non-narrowing and, therefore, even if in response to a statutory objection (35 USC 112, second paragraph) should not invoke Festo-like considerations, either.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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